

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

1. Please insert the following new paragraph at line [0001], page 1:

Cross Reference to Related Application

This application claims priority to German application number 10125383.4 filed May 23, 2001, German application number 10125386.9 filed May 23, 2001, German application number 10138533.1 filed August 6, 2001, German application number 10064400.7 filed December 21, 2000, German application number 10063059.6 filed December 18, 2000, and German application number 10062741.12 filed December 15, 2000.

2. Please amend the paragraph at line[0005], page 3 as follows:

[0003] The object of the present invention is therefore to provide a method and a system which enables the transfer of control programs quickly but without losing confidentiality. This objective is achieved by a method of transferring control programs by encrypting a control program code in a first development system, transferring the encrypted control program code from the first development system to a second development system and decrypting the encrypted control program code in the second development system. The desired objective is further achieved by a system for transferring control programs, the system having a first development device for developing a control program code. This device comprises an encryption unit for encrypting the control program code, a communications device for transferring the encrypted control program code from the first development device to a second development device. The second development device comprises a decryption device for decrypting the encrypted control program code. The present invention makes it possible to protect the knowhow on which the control program is based without compromising the speed required to transfer the control program.

3. Please amend the paragraph at line[0005], page 3 as follows:

[0005] The compiler and supplier of a control program ~~develops~~ develop the program in project engineering software or engineering system 1. The customer receives this control program via the Internet 2 or any other desired network or other connection. The customer integrates the control program received into his engineering system 3 and can therefore drive his target hardware (run-time system) 4.